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Case No. 9281/4140

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Akira Nakano et al.

Serial No: 09/925,579

Examiner: Rudy Zervigon

Filed: August 9, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1763

For: Plasma Processing Apparatus and  
System, Performance Validation  
System and Inspection Method  
Therefor

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))**

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Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the Office Action dated June 7, 2005 for a period of 2 month(s).



Applicant:

- ☐ claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.
- ☒ is other than small entity

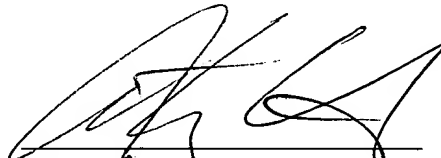
|                                     | <u>Extension<br/>Months</u> | <u>Other Than<br/>Small Entity</u> | <u>Small Entity</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | One Month                   | \$120.00                           | \$60.00             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Two Months                  | \$450.00                           | \$225.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Three Months                | \$1,020.00                         | \$510.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Four Months                 | \$1,590.00                         | \$795.00            |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Five Months                 | \$2,160.00                         | \$1,080.00          |

**Fee Payment**

- ☐ Attached is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Petition fee.
- ☒ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: November 7, 2005

  
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